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Board of Trustees Facilities & Technology Committee Meeting

Monday, October 13th, 2025–12:00 p.m. Lincoln Conference Room and Microsoft Teams Members of the public are able to attend remotely by clicking here:

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AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS
- II. REVIEW OF AGENDA
- III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT: This is the time for comment on public matters that are not on the agenda. Public matters do not include any pending legal matters, private personnel issues or private student issues. Please do not attempt to address such issues at this time or you will be ruled out of order. The Board cannot enter into a discussion during General Public Comment.
- IV. REVIEW OF 9.9.25 FACILITIES & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
- V. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Technology Monthly Update
 - B. Facilities Monthly Update
- VI. BOARD & SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS
- VII. ADJOURNMENT



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Board of Trustees Facilities & Technology Committee Meeting

Monday, September 8th, 2025 12:00 p.m.

Lincoln Campus & TEAMS

MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Trustees: Others:

Siobhan Hatthorn, Committee Chair Todd Verrill, Facilities Director

Janet Armstrong, Trustee Barb Ridgway, Chief of Staff

Rex Weltz, Superintendent

Lona Carter, Student Health Services

& Special Education Director Kaitlyn Hess, Data & Federal

Programs Director

Justine Alberts, Assistant Superintendent PreK-5 Jane Shawn, HEA President

Gary Myers, Educational Technology Director Josh McKay, Assistant Superintendent 6-12

Janelle Mickelson, Business Director Keri Mizell, Human Resources Director Taylor Lassiter, Communications Specialist Candice Delvaux, Executive Assistant Emmett Pierson, Help Desk Technician

I. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

Trustee Siobhan Hathhorn called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. Following the call to order, members of the Facilities & Technology Committee and other attendees introduced themselves.

II. REVIEW OF AGENDA

The committee reviewed the agenda, and no changes were requested.

III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no general public comment.

IV. REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Facilities and Technology Committee reviewed and accepted the 5.12.25 Facilities and Technology Committee Meeting minutes.

V. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Overview of Summer 2025 Technology Projects

Mr. Gary Myers, Educational Technology Director, gave an overview of summer 2025 technology projects to the Facilities and Technology Committee.

Technology Update Summer 2025

State Reporting:

- Additional Charter School Work
- Early Literacy Reporting

<u>Summer Work/Applications:</u>

- Windows 11 Update Progress
- Moved Co-Managed Devices to Intune
- Implemented Microsoft Authentication on Chromebooks
- Copier Installations
- Ending Support for Google Chrome Browser
- Ticket statistics for August (School Startup):
 - o Tickets Created: 984
 - o Tickets Solved: 841
- New Help Desk Technician, Emmett Pierson

Summer Chromebook Work:

- Chromebook PowerWashing
- Cart Maintenance

Network and Systems:

- Interactive Panels in every classroom at Broadwater
- New network engineer starting September 17
- Need for new Video Storage (NVR)
- Updates to MS-ISAC (Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center) funding
- Still receiving CISA Updates

Tech Levy Budget Impact:

- \$1.1 Million from 2004 Tech Levy
- \$2 Million from General Fund/Interlocal

Mr. Myers addressed all questions proposed by the Facilities and Technology Committee regarding the information he presented.

B. Overview of Summer 2025 Facilities Projects

Mr. Todd Verrill, Facilities Director, gave a monthly facilities update to the Facilities and Technology Committee.

Elementary Schools: 11 Projects-7 Schools

Smith:

HVAC

Kinder Sprouts Playground

Lunch Tables

Rossiter:

Gym Floor Rehab

Lunch Tables

Sierra Park Sod

Four Georgians:

Kitchenette

Fire Doors

Central, Warren, Kessler:

Kinder Sprouts Playgrounds

Jefferson:

Flooring

Middle Schools: 8 Projects-2 Schools

Helena Middle School:

Exterior Restoration

Flooring

Bathroom Stalls

Sink Hole Repair

Concession Stand

C.R. Anderson Middle School:

Bathroom Stalls

Flooring

High Schools: 9 Projects-2 Schools

Helena High School:

Boiler Rehabilitation

Partial Roof

Flooring

Gym Floor

Other Projects:

- Exterior Painting
- Grounds Maintenance
 - o 600 Acres Mowed
- School Deep Cleaning
- Bleed Control Kits Install

Work Orders: 1270

Mr. Verrill addressed all questions proposed by the Facilities and Technology Committee regarding the information he presented.

VI. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

There were no further comments.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Siobhan Hathhorn adjourned the meeting at 12:48 p.m.

Technology Update September 2025

State Reporting:

- Count Day October 6
- Teacher Class, Programs, Other

Applications:

- Restart issue
- Ticket statistics for September:
 - o Tickets Created: 975
 - o Tickets Solved: 952

Surplus Conclusion:

- Working with new E-waste contractor from Idaho
- HMS basement clearer than ever

Network and Systems:

- Phone system Changes
- Central School power outage after action report
- Introducing New Network Engineer, Chris Grau

Device Purchasing:

- Chromebooks
- Staff Devices
- New Website RFP

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Facilities and Maintenance Update

October 2025

Projects Last 30 Days:

- Rossier toilet replacement (20 toilets total)
- Annual maintenance:
 - o Air handler/exhaust fan routine maintenance (filter, lube, motor replacement, function checks, etc.)
 - o Irrigation and fall cleanup
- KinderSprouts (playground fences and play sets)
- Vigilante Stadium lighting upgrades
- Fall sports support (soccer, football practice fields and Vig)
- Sierra Park grass installation (added 15,000 sf of sod)

Current Projects

- Bryant boiler flue repairs
- CRA parking adjustments
- HMS/Vigilante Stadium fencing upgrades
- HMS sidewalks

Staff:

• Hired two new employees (plumber and grounds/maintenance)

MAR Work Orders

Completed: 379

Custodial Update

Custodial Projects:

- KinderSprouts classroom setup
- Hawthorne reorganization
- After school event support (sports, homecoming, etc)
- HHS library podcast room carpet installation
- School cleaning protocol improvements

Staff:

Current # vacancies: 10

Safety and Security Update

- Fire marshal inspections
- Carbon monoxide alarm installation at all schools
- Plumbing replacement in conjunction with state DEQ (funding available for Warren and Rossiter)
- Fire safe curtains for Jefferson auditorium stage
- Training:
 - o Montana Safe Schools Center Conference
 - o Stop the Bleed
 - o DHS

Bond Update

Helena High School

- Architect RFQ
 - o Submissions due today (13 OCT 2025) by 2:00pm
 - Submission review tomorrow
 - o Interviews next Tuesday (21 OCT 2025)
 - o Special Board Meeting to select architect (24 OCT 2025)
- ALTA survey
- Geotechnical investigation
- HAZMAT facility survey

Capital High School

- Architect RFQ currently advertised
 - o Submissions due 27 OCT 2025
- ALTA survey
- Geotechnical investigation
- HAZMAT facility survey

Kessler Elementary School

- ALTA survey
- Geotechnical investigation
- HAZMAT facility survey

Other

- Met with city to establish baseline working relationships for the duration of the projects
- Coordinating with Secure Environment Consultants for school design assistance